THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND' TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Although National Institute o'f Oceanography has been working on two KNOWN Species of Horseshoe Crab from the coast of Orissa and West Bengal, no NEW Species of b.orseshoe crab has been reported by them.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting; up of an Institute on Vedantic Studies

4. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHAR MA: Will the PRiTME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an institute for higher studies in Indian thought with emphasis on Vedantic studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The queston of setting up of an Institute Shankaracharya Institute for Indian Thought and Culture by the Department of Culture is in the preliminary stages. The objective to impart higher studies in Indian thought giving emphasis on Vedantic Studies. The courses will include M. Phil and Ph.D. It will, however, not impart studies in comparative philosophy.

Birth centenaries of National leaders

5. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of national leaders whose birth centenary celebrations have been organised by Government during the last three years and the expenditure incurred on each; and

(b) what are the details of the major projects commenced during the centenary years and v/hich are still continuing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRl CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Apprehension regarding} disappear ance of traditional varieties of tress by planting fast growing varieties

6. G. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present policy of reforestation is concentrating on planting fast-growing varieties of trees with the result that the traditional varieties of trees commonly found in Indian forests are likely to eventually disappear; and

(b) if so, what steps are being proposed to be taken to ensure that the denuded forest areas are replanted with the same types of trees which existed there earlier, so as to restore the previous ecological balance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Fast growing varieties of trees have been planted under social forestry programme with the aim of providing 'fuelwood and fodder to rural people. Monoculture-plantations are being discouraged. Under the programme of regeneration of degraded forest land, the indigenous varieties of trees would be planted so as to restore the ecological balance which existed before the denudatioM of the forests.

Survey of policy for reforestation

7. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the long-term policy for reforestation in the deforested land in the country;

(b) what concrete steps have been taken to implement this policy; and

(c) whether any survey has been undertaken to monitor the success | failure of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) An area of 9 million hectares of degraded forest land is proposed to be reforested during the Eighth Five Year Plan. In addition to work being done by State Forest Departments to reforest degraded forest lands, guidelines have been issued to. State Governments to involve village communities in reforestation of degraded forest lands, on usufruct sharing basis.

(c) No survey has been undertaken to monitor the success of this policy as guidelines were issued on 1-6-1990 only.

One Rank-one pension for Ex-Servicemen

8. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the scheme of "one-rank one pension" for ex-servicemen?

(b) if not, by when Government propose to fulfil its commitment to "one rank-one pension" for ex-servicemen and at what steps does the matter stand at present;

(c) -what is the reason for the delay?

(d) isince when the decision is likely to be given effect to; and

(e) what would be the likely additional expenditure on implementation of this commitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Committee consti tuted by the Government of India to considered the ex-servicemen's de mand for 'one rank one pension' has not been able to finalise its report so far. The Committee has, however, completed examination of the issue and its report is expected to be fina lised shortly. The likely addition expenditure on implementation of this demand can be worked out after the modalities for its implementation are finalised.

Tiger reserved in Orissa

9. SHRl JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Tiger Reserve (Tiger Project) in Phulabari district of Orissa comprising the forests of Phulabari, Ralangir and Kalahandi districts; and

(b) if so, whether the said tiger reserve would be set up during the 8th Five Year Plan; and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal to set up a; Tiger Reserve in Phulabari, Balan-gir and Kalahandi districts o'f Orissa.

Pollution control measures by. Power Plants in Orissa

10. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the power plants in Orissa which have not taken any air and water Pollution control measures;